



**First Southern**  
Baptist Church

# Messenger

OCTOBER 2025

**FIRST SOUTHERN BAPTIST  
CHURCH**

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## THE PASTOR'S PEN



Greetings, Church! I love you, Church!

To begin, THANK YOU, CHURCH! Last month, you voted to approve three significant teams to investigate the future God may have for our church family: Youth Pastor Search Team, Building Addition Study Team, and Rebranding Study Team. Each of those teams have had their initial meeting to discuss their responsibilities and begin strategizing how to accomplish their tasks. You can expect the process to take many months for each team. I expect that each team will publish a brief report in this newsletter at key junctures in their journey to keep you informed of their progress.

Please keep the teams at the top of your daily prayer list. Pray for them to be clear in their vision and process, unincumbered by the obstacles Satan would throw. Pray for their families as our team takes time away from them to serve their church in these ways. Pray for them to find the right person or process needed to do their job. When you see

them at church, tell them that you appreciate them and pray for them. To remind you, the chair of the Building Addition Study Team is John Brickley. Rod Luehrs chairs the Rebranding Study Team. I chair the Youth Pastor Search Team. Ask us how it is going any time you want an update.

Next, I want to encourage you to attend the Walnut River Revival October 4, at the Civic Center. The doors open at 9:30 am and the program begins at 10 and goes through 6. Hot dogs will be free and food trucks might also be available. The theme is "The Cross." Every hour contains a musical group and a speaker who either brings their testimony or a message. Erik Hauck and I will be doing the program together at 4. We will be doing a camp-style cross service. It will be an amazing climax to a wonderful day.

I certainly hope that you will make plans to attend at least some of the day. But I hope you will take it much further than that. First, I hope you will spend some time every day

praying for the event and real, sweeping revival. Pray that the Spirit of God will come over this city and the event in such a way that hearts all over our city long to touch the heart of God! Pray for Christ to be exalted, barriers to be broken, the Body of Christ to be united, and the lost to be saved! I have a reminder on my phone at 10:04 to pray these things. I hope you will join me.

But that is not all I want to challenge you to do. Every bit as important as your prayers and attendance is that you invite someone to come with you who needs to know Jesus. God is pleased with our worship, our faithfulness, our adoration, our service, our prayers, and our obedience. But a party breaks out in the halls of Heaven when a lost sinner comes home! What if YOU were the reason a celestial party breaks out October 4!? What a glorious day that would be!

Pastor David.



# The Deacon's Corner

Greetings Church Family,

At the last business meeting, our church voted to approve three important committees. A search committee, chaired by Pastor David, was formed for seeking a youth pastor. A building addition/remodel committee, chaired by John Brickley, was created to explore a possible building remodel or new construction. Finally, I am chairing a committee to explore a church

rebranding. All three of these initiatives were presented to the congregation after months of discussion among the Deacon body, A Team, and other ministry teams within the church. With any new endeavor, there comes excitement but also nervousness about the possible outcomes. Please join me in prayer as these committees begin their work. We know that when we pray asking for God's guidance, that

He is faithful to provide. If you have questions about current tasks the committees are up to, please reach out to the committee chairs for updates. Our hope is to keep the congregation updated every step along the way. Until next month...

Blessings To All,  
Rod Luehrs  
Chairman of the Deacons

## Youth News

The youth had a smashing good time to start off the year!

We had fun destroying some laptops and pumpkins our first night of the new school year! The students (and Cory) loved getting out some frustrations of the day taking a sledge hammer to one of the items! We also enjoyed some Braum's together and talked about the upcoming year.

With 7 seniors graduated from youth group, we are praying some youth step up this year as leaders. A couple have spoken up and we are excited as the search begins for a youth pastor!

Our word for this year is wisdom. How can we make the wise choice in our lives?

Please be praying for our youth, our leaders, and our future youth pastor!

Lisa Crook  
High School  
Youth Leader





# Operation Christmas Child

## 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Campaign

It is officially that time of year to start thinking about getting our shoeboxes packed and ready. Earlier this year, we filled baby bottles with our spare change to help Branches, our local pregnancy and family resource center. Starting the first Sunday in **October, the 5<sup>th</sup>**, we will have the chance to fill little shoebox banks with money to cover the shipping for our boxes. Shipping cost is \$10 per box. This amount is critical to cover project costs involved in collecting, processing, and shipping your shoebox gifts to over 170 countries. It also provides for ministry materials such as *The Greatest Gift* Gospel Booklet and The Ministry Partner Guide. Please bring back your shoebox bank by Sunday, **November 24<sup>th</sup>**. Our goal is to pack 250 boxes this year.

***Our church packing party will be held Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, right after church. We will also have a soup and sandwich lunch after we pack.***

We are still in need of items for our boxes. We want each box to be fun, full, and personalized. Please look over the shopping list to the right.

The kids would love to see and hear from the one from whom they got their gifts. Thanks again for all your help. If you can't make it and would still like to participate, here are a couple alternatives:

1. Pack a shoebox on your own. If you need some guidance or a box, give me a holler and I can help, or . . .
2. Build a box online at [www.samaritanaspurse.org/buildabox](http://www.samaritanaspurse.org/buildabox)

We will once again serve as a drop-off location for Shoeboxes. The dates for that are November 17th-24th. Mon 17th - Friday 21st 5-7 pm, Saturday 22nd 10am-1pm, Sunday 23rd 2pm-5pm, and Monday the 24th 8-10 am.

Thanks!

Karen Leibbrandt

### OCC Schedule

**November 16th, Packing Party  
after Church**

**Collections week, November  
17th-24th**

**Mon 17th—Friday 21st 5-7 pm**

**Saturday 22nd—10am-1pm**

**Sunday 23rd—2pm-5pm**

**Monday the 24th—8-10 am**



### October OCC Shopping List

- \* WOW items (a bigger item that makes the child say "WOW") soccer/football with pump, doll, stuffed animal
- \* Toys (no war related, camo, guns) some examples: cars, bouncy balls, tools, Legos, puzzles, games, playing cards, animal figures, dolls, crafts, sewing kits, jump ropes, sidewalk chalk, etc
- \* pencil sharpeners
- \* Hairbrushes/combs for boys and girls
- \* Hair accessories for girls

### Other ideas:

- \* Sunglasses
- \* Flashlight with extra batteries
- \* Hats
- \* Drawstring bags, purses, wallets
- \* Clothing, flip flops, socks, underwear
- \* PRAYER

If you plan to pack, please consider writing some notes and have some pictures of you and your family ready to put into each box you pack.

**FSBC Kidz Ministry**

**October 2025**

**First Southern Baptist Church**

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**Paula Mattice 316-258-6596**

**Greetings!**

We are off and running with exciting new programs. In order to give our students some more knowledge of God's Word, we are studying the patriarchs from Hebrews 11 in Sunday School and reviewing the whole story of the Bible in Wednesday Kidz Club. Don't be surprised to hear your students reciting names and memory verses as they go through our programs. Please encourage them in committing God's Word to their hearts so that they may learn to grow in their walk with God.

FSBC has adopted the Blackmore Elementary Good News Club afterschool Thursdays. Good News Club is sponsored by CEF, an international, non-denominational Bible-centered organization which has been in existence for over 80 years. CEF teaches Biblical principles to more than four million children each year. We feel blessed to be a part of this ministry and look forward to sharing the gospel with more children. Here's to a year full of opportunities to share the love of Christ.

**In His Service,  
Ms. Paula**



**[www.GoodNewsClub.com](http://www.GoodNewsClub.com)**

**Blackmore  
Elementary  
Grades 1-5  
Thursdays  
Rm 42  
3:15-4:20  
Contact Ms.  
Paula for  
more info.**

**We are still in need of workers:  
Sunday van drivers (once per month)  
Wednesday evening van driver  
Wednesday evening van monitor  
Sunday School teacher aides  
Children's Church teachers (once  
every 2 months)**

**Cookie donations for Thursday Good  
News Club**

**Join our prayer team to pray for the  
children we are reaching and those  
we need to reach.**

**Please contact Ms. Paula if you are  
feeling led to help.**

### **Sunday School Memory Verses**

"<sup>1</sup>Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. <sup>2</sup>This is what the ancients were commended for. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible." *Hebrews 11:1-3*

# **GOD'S AMAZING STORY**

**FSBC KIDZ CLUB**





# Walnut River Revival

Sharing Gospel Truth through Walnut River Area Testimonies,  
Worship and Prayer focused on the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

 **Saturday Oct 4, 2025** 

Doors open @ 9:30 w/ presentations from 10-6

Fellowship  
Praise Music  
Food  
Inspiration

El Dorado  
Civic Center  
201 E Central

*Worship in the Community of Christ!*

Local Pastors and Ministries will present. For more info: Linsey Cutsinger  
316-323-5152



**Oh Baby!**  
Join as we celebrate a new member  
coming around Thanksgiving to FSBC!  
**Emily Bugner**  
**Baby boy Rhett**  
**October 4th at 1 pm**  
**Brickley's home**  
(see directory for address)  
Finger food lunch will be provided  
Gift suggestions: diapers, wipes, and  
baby boy clothes  
(no newborn clothes please!)



*Ladies Bible Study*

**Last Tuesdays**  
**Location varies**  
**Sept 30th Meets**  
**at Susan M.'s**  
**House**  
**Contact Paula for**  
**more information**

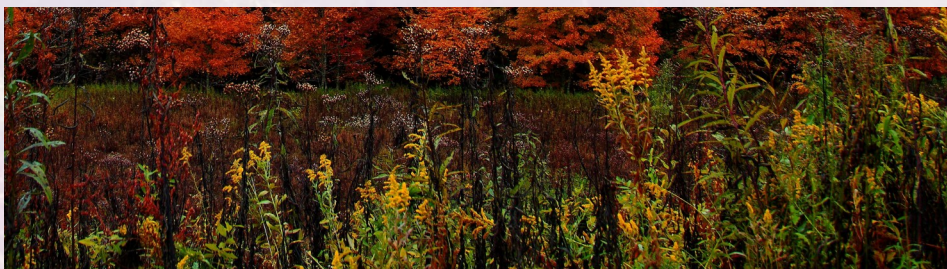


# Volunteer Rotations

|       | Sound Room  | Prayer    | Bus Driver | Children's Church | Nursery During Church |               | Head Counter | Counter 2 | Counter 3 |
|-------|-------------|-----------|------------|-------------------|-----------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|
| 9/28  | John, Lisa  | John M.   | Janna      | Guest             | Jennifer L            | Karen L.      | Rod L        | Ulala P.  | Karen D.  |
| 10/5  | Jeff, Laura | Joe R.    | Sheila     | Brickley          | Rod                   | Cara S.       | Johnie G.    | Susan F.  | Janna D.  |
| 10/12 | John, Lisa  | Rod L.    | John       | Brickley          | Karen L.              | Julie H.      | Johnie G.    | Rod L.    | Laura L   |
| 10/19 | Jeff, Laura | Johnie G. | Deb        | Brickley          | Keith A.              | Cara S.       | Johnie G.    | Laura L.  | Marsha P  |
| 10/26 | John, Lisa  | Joe L.    | Janna      | Guest             | Johnie G.             | Susan & Pat M | Deb S.       | Ulala P.  | Karen D.  |
| 11/2  | Jeff, Laura | John B.   | Sheila     | Reinert           | Julie H.              | Cara S.       | Deb S.       | Susan F.  | Janna D.  |
| 11/9  | John, Lisa  | David C.  | John       | Reinert           | John B.               | Cara S.       | Johnie G.    | Rod L.    | Laura L   |
| 11/16 | Jeff, Laura | John M.   | Deb        | Reinert           | Jennifer L            | Cara S.       | Deb S.       | Laura L.  | Marsha P  |
| 11/23 | John, Lisa  | Joe R.    | Janna      | Reinert           | Rod                   | Cara S.       | Deb S.       | Ulala P.  | Karen D.  |
| 11/30 | Jeff, Laura | Rod L.    | Sheila     | Guest             | Karen L.              | Johnie G.     | Deb S.       | Susan F.  | Janna D.  |

## Wednesday Night Meal Helpers

| Week | Date  | Wednesday Meal       |
|------|-------|----------------------|
| 1    | 10/1  | Paula                |
| 2    | 10/8  | Susan F. & Marsha P. |
| 3    | 10/15 | Karen & Phil D.      |
| 4    | 10/22 | Mary G.              |
| 5    | 10/29 | Deb, Laura & Rod     |
| 1    | 11/5  | Paula                |
| 2    | 11/12 | Susan F. & Marsha P. |
| 3    | 11/19 | Karen & Phil D.      |
| 4    | 11/26 | Mary G.              |





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|   |  |   |  |   |                               |   |
|---|--|---|--|---|-------------------------------|---|
| <b>28</b>                                   | <b>29</b> Deb S.,<br>Micah W.,<br>Cara S.<br><b>Ladies' Bible<br/>Study 11 am<br/>at Susan M's</b> | <b>30</b>   | <b>1</b>   | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b>                      | <b>• 4</b> Sunday<br>School<br>Breakfast 8:30<br>am Leon<br><b>• Walnut River<br/>Revival</b><br><b>• Baby Shower<br/>1 pm @<br/>Brickley</b> |
| <b>5</b>                                    | <b>6</b><br><b>SCASB<br/>Annual<br/>Meeting<br/>Here</b>   | <b>7</b>  | <b>8</b> Timothy<br>H.                             | <b>9</b> Greg B.                                | <b>10</b> Ida L.              | <b>11</b> Ryan L.   |
| <b>12</b><br>Potluck<br>"A-Team"<br>Meeting | <b>13</b>  | <b>14</b>   | <b>15</b><br>by 9:00 am<br>Newsletter<br>Items Due | <b>16</b><br>5:30 Facilities<br>Team<br>Meeting | <b>17</b> Steve<br>& Cindy R. | <b>18</b> Obadiah<br>L.   |
| <b>19</b>                                   | <b>20</b>  | <b>21</b>   | <b>22</b> Mary<br>Lou M.                           | <b>23</b>                                       | <b>24</b>                     | <b>25</b>   |
| <b>26</b>                                   | <b>27</b><br>Lawanda B.  | <b>28</b> Linda R.<br><b>Ladies' Bible<br/>Study 11 am<br/>Location TBD</b> | <b>29</b>  | <b>30</b>                                       | <b>31</b>                     |   |

## Blessing Box Grocery List






- Crackers
- Nuts
- Jerky
- Ready-to-eat pop  
top canned food
  - Meat
  - Fruit
  - Soup
  - Ravioli
- Instant coffee
- Cereal
- Cereal/Granola  
bars
- Peanut Butter
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Brushes/Combs
- Deodorant (men's  
and women's)
- Bar Soap
- Baby Wipes
- Feminine products
- Socks
- Gloves
- Hot hands

We are  
taking a  
break from  
the Bread of  
Life Food  
distribution  
program for  
awhile





# NOVEMBER 2025 (72 YEARS OF FSBC)

|   |  |   |   |  |  |   |
|---|--|---|---|--|--|---|
| 26  | 27<br>Lawanda B.   | 28 Linda R.<br>Ladies' Bible<br>Study 11 am<br>Location TBD | 29  | 30   | 31   | 1 Sunday<br>School<br>Breakfast<br>8:30 am<br>Leon  |
| 2<br>Daylight Savings<br>Time Ends  | 3  | 4 Michelle<br>S.  | 5   | 6 Kat H.,<br>Karen D.  | 7  | 8   |
| 9<br>"A-Team" (BYOL)<br>-NO POTLUCK   | 10 Robert<br>& Carol M.  | 11  | 12<br>by 9:00 am<br>Newsletter<br>Items Due   | 13   | 14   | 15 Jan S.   |
| 16 Rod Luehrs<br>OCC Packing Party<br>Soups and<br>Sandwiches<br>Potluck<br> | 17   | 18  | 19  | 20 Lauren<br>D., Joe &<br>Karen L.<br>5:30 Facilities<br>Meeting | 21   | 22  |
| OCC Collections Week 17-24  |  |   |   |  |  |   |
| 23  | 24   | 25<br>Ladies' Bible<br>Study 11 am<br>Location TBD          | 26<br> | 27 David &<br>Julie Hill<br>Thanksgiving                         | 28<br> | 29<br>3 pm<br>Christmas<br>Decorating<br>Party<br> |
| OCC Collections 17-24   |  |   | Office Closed 26-28   |  |  |   |
| 30<br>Youth Sunday  |  |   |   |  |  |   |